In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 21, 25 and 31 as follows:

1. (THRICE AMENDED) A pipe coupling for interconnecting adjacent ends of first and second pipe sections, the end of the first pipe section having an annular corrugation, said coupling comprising:

a generally cylindrical metal sleeve having first and second sides;

at least one rigid annular corrugation on said first side of said sleeve being oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve and adapted to cooperatively engage the annular corrugation on the first pipe section end to secure said sleeve on the first pipe section and thereby prevent separation of said sleeve from the first pipe section; and

a bell on said second side of said sleeve having an inner wall of generally constant diameter and being adapted to slidably receive in an axial direction the second pipe section end within said sleeve;

whereby said coupling is adapted to interconnect said adjacent ends of said first and second pipe sections.

8. (THRICE AMENDED) In combination, a pipe coupling and first and second pipe sections, the end of the first pipe section having an annular corrugation, and said coupling comprising:

a generally cylindrical metal sleeve having first and second sides;

at least one rigid annular corrugation on said first side of said sleeve being oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve and adapted to cooperatively engage the annular corrugation on the first pipe section end to secure said sleeve on the first pipe section and thereby prevent separation of said sleeve from the first pipe section; and

a bell on said second side of said sleeve having an inner wall of generally constant diameter and being adapted to slidably receive in an axial direction the second pipe section end within said sleeve;

whereby said coupling interconnects said adjacent ends of said first and second pipe sections.

21. (THRICE AMENDED) A method of interconnecting adjacent ends of first and second pipe sections, the end of the first pipe section having an annular corrugation, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a substantially flat metal sheet;

forming a rigid corrugation across the width of said substantially flat sheet;

wrapping said sheet into a cylindrical metal sleeve including a first side having said rigid corrugation oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve and a second side having a bell with an inner wall of generally constant diameter;

securing said sleeve about the first pipe section end by cooperatively engaging said rigid corrugation of said sleeve with the annular corrugation of the first pipe section end to thereby prevent separation of said sleeve from the first pipe section; and

slidably receiving in an axial direction the second pipe section end within said bell to interconnect the adjacent ends of the first and second pipe sections.

25. (AMENDED) A pipe coupling for interconnecting adjacent ends of first and second pipe sections, the end of the first pipe section having an annular corrugation, said coupling comprising:

a generally cylindrical metal sleeve having first and second sides;

at least one rigid annular corrugation on said first side of said sleeve being oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve and adapted to cooperatively engage the annular corrugation on the first pipe section end to secure said sleeve on the first pipe section and thereby prevent separation of said sleeve from the first pipe section;

a bell on said second side of said sleeve being adapted to slidably receive in an axial direction the second pipe section end within said sleeve;

a gasket adapted to be disposed circumferentially about said second pipe section, said gasket adapted to contact and confront an inner surface of said bell when said second pipe section is slidably received by said bell; and

a radially inwardly directed annular projection disposed about the inner diameter of said bell, said annular projection adapted to engage said gasket and retain said second pipe section end within said bell;

whereby said coupling is adapted to interconnect said adjacent ends of said first and second pipe sections.

31. (AMENDED) In combination, a pipe coupling and first and second pipe sections, the end of the first pipe section having an annular corrugation, and said coupling comprising:

a generally cylindrical metal sleeve having first and second sides;

at least one rigid annular corrugation on said first side of said sleeve being oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said sleeve and adapted to cooperatively engage the annular corrugation on the first pipe section end to secure said sleeve on the first pipe section and thereby prevent separation of said sleeve from the first pipe section;

a bell on said second side of said sleeve being adapted to slidably receive in an axial direction the second pipe section end within said sleeve;

a first gasket disposed circumferentially about said second pipe section, said gasket contacting and confronting an inner surface of said bell when said second pipe section is slidably received by said bell; and

a radially inwardly directed annular projection disposed about the inner diameter of said bell, said annular projection engaging said first gasket and retaining said second pipe section end within said bell;

whereby said coupling interconnects said adjacent ends of said first and second pipe sections.